

**In the Specification:**

Please amend various paragraphs to read as follows:

[0009] Also, the present invention provides a catheter sheath assembly comprising a catheter sheath including a generally tubular sheath body having a proximal end and a distal end and a handle fixedly connected to the proximal end of the sheath body. The assembly also includes a catheter sheath clamp assembly comprising a body having a first end connected to the sheath handle and a second end having a slot extending through the body, and a generally planar pinch member slidably disposed within the slot transversely with respect to the tubular sheath body to be translated between an open position and a pinching position. The pinch member includes a first pinch leg having a first tapered free end and a first connected end and a second pinch leg juxtaposed from the first pinch leg. The second pinch leg has a second tapered free end and a second connected end connected to the first connected end. The pinch member is slidable transversely within the slot between a first or open position wherein the first and second tapered free ends are proximate to the slot and a second or closed position wherein the first and second connected ends are proximate to the slot and the first and second pinch legs compress the tubular sheath body closed.

[0052] The first side portion 320 includes a generally triangular tongue or first tab 324 that extends therefrom, generally perpendicular to a plane of the body portion 316. The second side portion 322 includes a complementary groove or first recess 326 that is sized and shaped to fittingly engage a tongue 324 from a second clamping segment 310', as shown in Fig. 8.

[0053] Referring still to Fig. 9, a locking leg 328 extends from the first side portion 320 distal from the top portion 312. Preferably, the locking leg 328 is generally co-planar with

the tongue 324. A recessed portion or second recess 330 is disposed on the first side portion 320 proximate to the locking leg 328. The recessed portion 330 is disposed generally along the locking leg 328. The second side portion 322 includes a complementary tang or second tab 332 that is sized and shaped to fittingly engage a recessed portion 330 from the second clamping segment 310', as shown in Fig. 8.